(d) whether the Government propose to stop procurement of levy rice; and

(e) if so, the time by which orders in this regard are likely to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The Food Corporation of India (FCI) is procuring levy-rice for Central-Pool during 1990-91 kharif marketing season, under the statutory levy orders promulgated by the following State Governments/Union Territories:

1. Punjab 2. Haryana 3. Uttar Pradesh 4. Rajasthan 5. U.T. Delhi 6. U.T. Chandigarh 7. Madhya Pradesh 8. Maharashtra 9. Andhra Pradesh 10. Karnataka 11. U.T Pondicherry 12. West Bengal 13. Orissa 14. Assam.

In Tamil Nadu and Gujarat, levy on rice is collected by the State Governments on State account.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Since the statutory taxes/levies on the purchase of paddy, other non-statutory charges and the recovery percentage of rice obtained from milling of paddy differ from State to State, the price of levy-rice also varies from State to State.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Implementation of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana

2022. SHRI MAHESH KUMAR KANODIA

SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the districts selected under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana, State-wise;

(b) whether the Union Government propose to expand the Jawahar Rozhar Yojana all over the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any study has been made to find out as to whether the Yojana is being implemented properly;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (c) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) is being implemented in all the rural districts of the country, with effect from 1-4-1989.

(d) to (f) In order to ensure that the Yojana is implemented properly, appropriate system of supervision and monitoring has been evolved. As the JRY is a new programme started only in April, 1989 no formal study, however, has been done so far by the Ministry of Rural Development for finding out as to whether the Yojana is being implemented properly.

[*Translation*]

A.I.R. at Akola

2023. SHRI PANDURANG PUNDLIK FUNDKAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India Radio station has not started functioning at Akola in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to start the functioning of All India Radio station there at the earliest?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

(KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The construction of the Radio Station has been completed. The preparatory work essential to its regular operation has also been substantially completed to ensure its early commissioning.

[*English*]

Price of Newspaper

2024. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to the increase in price of the printing paper, the cost of newspaper is going very high;

(b) whether any proposal has been received from the Government of Kerala for reducing the high price of newspapers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir, it may be one of the reasons.

(b) Government does not seem to have received any such proposal.

(c) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Setting up Rake Points for Fertilisers Distribution

2025. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria being adopted for setting up rake points in various states of the country;

(b) whether Union Government are considering to open up additional rake points to boost fertiliser distribution;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the number of additional rake points proposed to be set up in Madhya Pradesh during this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The basic criterion for opening a rake point is minimisation of the transport cost to the economy. According to the guidelines fixed by the Ministry of Railways a rake point should normally be able to serve a hinterland upto 100 Kms and each rake point should have sufficient fertiliser traffic so as to receive two rakes or more per week.

(b) and (c) Development works are in progress to open rake handling points in Madhya Pradesh.

Leakage of Sulphur Dioxide Gas from Unialcaim Fertilizers Limited, Diwanganj, M.P.

2026. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Union Government had been drawn towards the damage caused to the crops of about one dozen villages near Bhopal and Raisen districts due to the leakage of sulphur dioxide gas, three to five times so far since December 10, 1987 from the Unialcaim Fertilizers Limited located at Diwanganj, 22 Kms. away from Bhopal;

(b) if so, whether any survey to assess the quantum of loss has ever been made;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken so far to check the recurrence of such gas leakage from this plant and to provide compensation for the loss suffered by the villagers in the form of crops and casualties?